

A SMART START FOR A SAFE ESCAPE **HOME FIRE EVACUATION**

Developing a home fire exit plan and practicing the plan regularly, can help your family make a safe escape.

1. Install and maintain smoke detectors throughout your home.
These devices provide an early warning and will alert you in time to get out safely following your exit plan.
2. Use the grid to draw a floor plan of your entire home.
 - Indicate all doors, windows, bedrooms, walls, stairways and hallways.
 - Designate at least two exits from each room. Make special provisions for those on the second or higher floors.
 - Specify a meeting place outside the home where family members can gather once everyone is evacuated.
3. Practice your fire drill often, at least twice a year. Hold drills with the entire family during the day and at night. Timing the drill is helpful to determine if a faster escape route is needed.
4. Teach everyone the fire departments' emergency telephone number to everyone. Teach children how to call for help.
5. Assign someone to help small children, the elderly and disabled persons.

